B. Cultural/Historical: Isn't Christianity Anti-Semitic?

1. Acknowledge the wrong done by professing Christians, while distinguishing that from true Christianity

2. Point out the Jewish foundation of our faith (Rom 11:17)

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"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved." - Romans 10:1

I. Introduction

C. Personal: If I Believe in Jesus, Will I Stop Being Jewish?

1. Many Jews, including first disciples, gladly accepted Christ (Phil 3:8)

2. Still, must count the cost (Matt 10:21-22, Mark 8:36)

II. Understanding Judaism

A. History

- 1. After the Old Testament
 - Pharisees
 - Sadducees
 - Essenes
- 2. From 70 AD to Today
- B. Major Movements
 - 1. Orthodox: Hoping in the Law
 - 2. Conservative: Religious but Modern
 - 3. Reform: Hoping in this Life

Session Titles and Description

- 1. Are You Into What God's Up To? God's Purpose in History
- 2. What's our Role? God's Sovereignty, Man's Responsibility
- 3. What's the Gospel? Defining the Truth that Saves Sinners
- 4. So What Happened To You? The Gospel and Your Testimony
- 5. They Believe this Too? The Local Church's Corporate Witness
- 6. How Do I Get Others on Board? Discipling Others in Evangelism
- 7. What if They Reject Me? Rejection, Follow-up & the Fear of Man
- 8. But What if They Ask ...? Answering Objections to the Gospel
- 9. How Do I Get Started? Being Intentional & Strategic in Evangelism
- 10. How Do I Share the Gospel with Family and Co-Workers?
- 11. How Do I Share the Gospel with Catholics?
- 12. How Do I Share the Gospel with Jews?
- 13. How Do I Share the Gospel with Muslims?

C. Putting It All Together for Evangelism

- Ask Good Questions
- Traditions and Holidays:
 - o Kosher
 - Sitting Shiva
 - o Passover
 - Yom Kippur
 - o Purim
 - Chanukah, Rosh Hashanah, Succoth, etc.

III. Biblical Themes to Use in Evangelism

A. The Coming King

- Genesis 3:15 The promised offspring...
- Genesis 12:1-3 and 17:5-7 ... Will come from Abraham...
- Genesis 49:10 ... Specifically, the line of Judah...
- Numbers 24:17-19 ... He will have dominion...
- Deuteronomy 17:18-20 ... And the king will know and obey the law
- Daniel 7:14, Matthew 1-2 Connecting to Christ

B. God's Provision of Forgiveness

- Exodus 34:6 How can God be merciful and just?...
- Leviticus 16 ... By providing a way for atonement...
- Leviticus 17:11 ... Through the death of an innocent substitute...
- Exodus 12-13 ... As symbolized in the Passover lamb
- John 1:29, Hebrews 7-10 Connecting to Christ

C. Messianic Prophesies

- Micah 5:2 Born in Bethlehem
- 2 Samuel 7:12-17 A Davidic king forever
- Zechariah 9:9-10 Entering Jerusalem on a donkey
- Psalm 22 Detailed description of the cross
- Psalm 16:10 Promise of Christ's resurrection
- Isaiah 53 *The Suffering Servant*

D. Studying the Gospels

- Matthew 1:23 Jesus is Immanuel, God with Us
- Matthew 9:6 Jesus has authority to forgive sins
- Matthew 8:26-27 Jesus has authority over nature
- Matthew 8:29-32 Jesus has authority over demons
- Matthew 9:22 Jesus has authority over disease
- Matthew 9:25 Jesus has authority over death
- Matthew 26:28 Jesus came to pour out his blood for the forgiveness of sins

IV. Answering Common Questions

A. Theological: Where Was God during the Holocaust?

- 1. Listen and empathize. There is much we don't know.
- 2. God hates evil and will judge (Rom 12:19)
- 3. God works good through man's sin (Gen 50:20, Acts 4:27-28)
- 4. Jesus has tasted unjust suffering (Heb 2:18)